

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, the drawings, abstract, and claims are objected to for certain informalities.

Claim 7 stands objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim.

Claims 1-25 stand objected to for informalities.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, and 9 to improve readability and correct for minor informalities as suggested by the Examiner. The drawings, abstract, and specification have been amended to correct minor informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claim 7 is in error because the claim does not depend from sets of multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, claims 1-25 are pending for consideration.

Drawings

To overcome the Office Action's objection of the drawings, Applicants concurrently file herewith a Submission of Replacement Drawings with two (2) sheets of replacement drawings to substitute for the original filed drawing sheets. Fig. 3 (sheet 2) is added to show a corrugated tube. Support for the new drawing is found that page 7, lines 2-4 of the Applicants' specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be removed.

All Claims are Allowable

Applicants respectfully submit that the abstract, specification, and claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and early notification of such is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

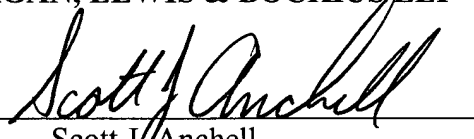
Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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